

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Method of protecting a vehicle body from corrosion and/or providing a lining under a region of the body, in the course of which the body is dipped into an anti-corrosion bath  
5 at an elevated temperature, in particular in the range between 150 and 180°C, and is kept there for a predetermined time, wherein a slit-shaped and/or annular region of the vehicle body, in particular a region that is freely accessible prior to immersion in the anti-corrosion bath but not during a subsequent lacquering procedure, is provided prior to immersion in the anti-corrosion bath with a structural element adapted to the shape of this  
10 region, which comprises a section that expands at the elevated temperature in the anti-corrosion bath and thereafter, at normal temperature, remains substantially in the expanded state, and which is shaped such that while in the initial state it can be inserted into the region at risk of corrosion and after foam-expansion it fills up this region, creating a moisture-tight seal against the exterior.

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(Fig. 3)